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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL--BENIN COMPLAINT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING
BUREAU COMMUNIQUE DISTRIBUTED AS UNSC DOCUMENT
FEBRUARY 7 AT REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN OF NON-ALIGNED
COORDINATING BUREAU PERM REP AMERASHINGHE OF SRI
LANKA. QUOTE THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU OF NON-ALIGNED COUN-
TRIES AT A MEETING ON 31 JANUARY 1977, HEARD A COMPREHENSIVE
STATEMENT BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BENIN REGARDING AN ACT OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED BY A GROUP
OF MERCENARIES WHO HAD LANDED ON THE AIRPORT OF COTONOU,
THE ECONOMIC CAPITAL OF BENIN, ON SUNDAY, 16 JANUARY 1977,
AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO SEVERAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS
AS WELL AS LOSS OF LIFE IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BENIN. THE
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CHARGE D'AFFAIRES STATED THAT THE ARMED FORCES OF BENIN
HAD SUCCESSFULLY REPULSED THE AGGRESSION WHICH APPEARED TO
HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM.
THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU EXPRESSED ITS GRATIFICATION AT THE
SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES OF BENIN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN IN REPELLING THAT ATTACK
AND DECLARED ITS SYMPATHY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN ON

THE LOSS OF LIFE AND THE DAMAGE CAUSED AS A RESULT OF
THE COMMANDO ATTACK.
THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN
OVER THE EVENTS OF SUNDAY, 16 JANUARY 1977, WHICH APPEARED
TO FORM PART OF A PATTERN DESIGNED TO DISRUPT THE
STABILITY OF REGIMES WHOSE POLICIES WERE VIEWED WITH DIS-
FAVOUR IN CERTAIN QUARTERS.
THE BUREAU RECALLED THE DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THE HEADS
OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES MEETING
IN COLOMBO IN AUGUST 1976, WHICH LISTED THE USE
OF MERCENARIES TO UNDERMINE THE INDEPENDENCE OF SOVEREIGN
STATES AND OBSTRUCT THE STRUGGLE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AGAINST COLONIAL RULE AS A DANGEROUS MANIFES-
TATION OF INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES.
THE BUREAU CONDEMNED ALL SUCH ACTIONS AS INCONSISTENT
WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND AS A THREAT
TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.
THE CO-ORDINATING BUREAU DECLARED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BENIN IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO
PROTECT AND PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY.
THE BUREAU EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MEETING OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL, REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BENIN
TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION, WOULD RESULT IN EFFECTIVE
MEASURES TO DETER AND PREVENT SUCH EVENTS IN THE FUTURE. UNQUOTE
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